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SUBJ: BIRTHDAY GREETING TO VICE PRESIDENT SRI

SULTAN HAMENGKU BUWONO IX

REF: JAKARTA 5280

1. ON FURTHER INVESTIGATION, WE FIND THAT MAY 15 DATE MENTIONED REFTEL AS SULTAN'S BIRTHDAY IS BASED TRADITIONAL JAVANESE LUNAR CALENDAR, AND DATE WILL THEREFORE CHANGE EACH YEAR. IN VIEW OF DIFFICULTY IN DETERMINING DATE EACH YEAR, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT, FOR PURPOSES OF SUGGESTED CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM VICE PRESIDENT TO THE SULTAN, APRIL 12, WHICH IS SULTAN'S BIRTHDAY UNDER CONVENTIONAL WESTERN CALENDAR, BE USED, INSTEAD OF LUNAR CALENDAR DATE.

2. HOWEVER, IF LETTER FROM VICE PRESIDENT FORD TO SULTAN SUGGESTED IN REFTEL HAS ALREADY BEEN PREPARED CONGRATULATING HIM ON MAY 15 DATE, THIS WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED, SINCE SULTAN'S "64TH" BIRTHDAY IN MAY THIS YEAR HAS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE IN JAVANESE MYTHOLOGICAL TRADITION AS IT MARKS END OF EIGHT-YEAR WINDU CYCLES.
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